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: Jackowski et al.

INVENTION

: Biopolymer Marker Indicative Of
Disease State Having A Molecular
Weight Of 1424 Daltons

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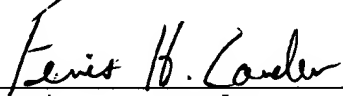
Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132

A declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 is filed concurrently herewith in order to provide evidence of the absence of the biopolymer marker (amino acid residues 2-12 of SEQ ID NO:1) weighing 1424 daltons in normal human sera.

CONCLUSION

Now that applicants have fully responded to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2003, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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